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ACTION REQUIRED: HQS: ESO REQUIREMENTS FOR BY COB 25 APR. AVAILABILITY OF FOR MEETING EVENING OF 26 APR.

1. C/O MET (P/1) AND (T/1) EVENINGS OF 15 AND 17 APR TO DISCUSS AVAILABLE OPTIONS RE SHAM SURGERY FOR P/1. DURING 15 APR MEETING C/O OUTLINED THE RISKS TO P/1 ASSOCIATED WITH HAVING PERFORM THE OPERATION IN MALTA. AFTER LONG DISCUSSION ON AVAILABLE OPTIONS, P/1 AGREED TO APPROACH , WITH REQUEST FOR SHAM SURGERY. DURING FOLLOW-UP MEETING EVENING OF 17 APR, P/1 TOLD C/O THAT AGREED TO PERFORM THE SURGERY. THE PROCEDURE WILL COST 2,000 MALTESE POUNDS (APPROXIMATELY USD 6,000) WHICH C/O SAID WOULD PAY FOR. P/1 EXPECTS TO RECEIVE THE SURGERY LATER THIS WEEK, SPEND APPROXIMATELY ONE WEEK RECOVERING, AND DEPART MALTA PCS FOR TRIPOLI CIRCA 1 MAY. HE PLANS TO RESIGN FROM THE ESO/ AND RETURN TO MALTA AS SOON THEREAFTER AS POSSIBLE. HE AGREED TO MEET AT 2100 HOURS 26 APR. IN ADDITION TO PROVIDING PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION OF ESO OFFICER ABDULLAH ((MANSUR)), P/1 ALSO PROVIDED UPDATE OF RECENT ESO ACTIVITES AND PERSONNEL CHANGES IN MALTA WHICH WILL BE FORWARDED SEPARATELY.

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2. ACCORDING TO P/1, AGREED TO GIVE P/1 TWO SCARS. ONE SCAR WILL OSTENSIBLY BE TO CORRECT AN INJURY TO P/1'S RIGHT ELBOW. P/1 TOLD C/O THAT HE INJURED THE ELBOW SEVERAL YEARS AGO IN ESO TRAINING AND

THAT HIS MEDICAL FILES IN TRIPOLI DOCUMENT THE INJURY. THE SECOND SCAR WILL BE ON HIS LOWER BACK WHICH WILL OSTENSIBLY BE TO CORRECT A SERIOUS BACK PROBLEM. [redacted] ALSO AGREED TO PROVIDE P/1 WITH DOCUMENTATION OF THE SURGICAL PROCEDURE AS WELL AS TO RECOMMEND FORMALLY THAT HE NOT BE EMPLOYED IN ANY WORK THAT REQUIRES STRENUOUS PHYSICAL ACTIVITIY. P/1 BELIEVES THAT THIS WILL ENABLE HIM TO RESIGN FROM THE ESO AND AVOID SUBSEQUENT MILITARY CONSCRIPTION.

3. GIVEN P/1'S PLANNED VISIT TO ESO HQS IN TRIPOLI IN EARLY MAY, REQUEST HQS FORWARD ESO REQUIREMENTS FOR P/1 BY COB 25 APR. [redacted]

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